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Van Hollen and Edwards Debate Here in Greenbelt

by Jack Chevez

Approximately 200 people packed the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Friday night to hear U.S. Representatives Chris Van Hollen and Donna Edwards debate issues: labor, immigration, foreign policy and how to ease bipartisan tensions in Washington.

The event was hosted by the Greenbelt-based Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, which has done such events in the past.

“Two years ago we had a similar program with the various gubernatorial candidates,” said Club President Nicole Williams.

Leading up to the debate, signs and supporters for both candidates lined Crescent Road leading to the firehouse. The debate featured two Democratic candidates who, from an ideological standpoint, are not too different from one another. Still, the

sometimes tense debate gave food for thought for those who have not yet made up their minds.

Jerry Dancis of Greenbelt opined that “[Edwards] basically just told us her life story,” and did not address the relevant issues.

Lessie Henderson of Oxon Hill would probably disagree, observing that “Edwards has proven once again that she’s about working families. Van Hollen just kept bringing up endorsements. He has endorsements, but has he really been out in the community?”

Regardless of the specific politics at hand, the debate brought a high-profile spotlight to Greenbelt. The debate was covered by major outlets like the Washington Post, it aired live on American University’s WAMU-88.5 radio

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Absentee Voting, Early Voting Available to All Primary Voters

by Kathleen Gallagher

Sometimes polling places on the day of primary elections look rather like ghost towns. Voters might not want to bet on that for the 2016 Democratic and Republican Presidential Primaries to be held this year on Tuesday, April 26 in Maryland. For those wishing to take a pass on their neighborhood polling place, the now-familiar options of absentee voting, which can be accomplished entirely by mail from the comfort of home, or early voting at a polling place are both available.

Although only voters regis-

tered with the Republican or Democratic parties may vote in the primaries, any registered voter can change party affiliation until the April 5 deadline for voter registration. This can be done on Maryland’s Online Voter Registration System or by submitting a new voter registration application or a written request to the Prince George’s County Board of Elections.

Early Voting

For eight days from Thursday, April 14 through Thursday, April

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ACE Educator Awards Applaud Stellar Contributors to Schools

by Mary Moien



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Front row, l. to r.: 2016 ACE Educators Shirley Guerrier, Greenbelt Middle School; Belle Ange Mbaya, Dora Kennedy French Immersion School; Lindsay Romaine, Springhill Lake Elementary School; Tetsuo Ogawa, Eleanor Roosevelt High School; Leslie Tapscott-Mull, Magnolia Elementary School; Angela Payne, Greenbelt Elementary School; Karen Thompson, Turning Point Academy. Back row, l. to r.: Joe Schlosnagle, representing Maryland elected officials; School Board Representative Lupi Grady; City Councilmembers Edward Putens and Leta Mach; Mayor Emmett Jordan; City Councilmembers Judith Davis, Silke Pope, Konrad Herling; County Councilmember Todd Turner; and City Councilmember Rodney Roberts.

The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Educator Awards were presented at the Greenbelt City Council meeting on March 14. A standing-room-only crowd of awardees, family members, friends, students and school associates was on hand to applaud the winners. A number of school principals and senior

administrators were also present. Janet Mirsky, ACE treasurer, introduced other dignitaries, including School Board Member Lupi Grady and Greenbelt’s representative on the Prince George’s County Council, Todd Turner. State Senator Paul Pinsky and State Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Alonzo

Washington could not be present; Joe Schlosnagle presented the Maryland State citations on their behalf.

Mirsky described the background of the awards. ACE inaugurated the Educators Awards in 1996, making this year the 21st

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FBI Impacts on Connector Trail For South Core Engage Council

by James Giese

At a March 21 Greenbelt City Council worksession, Mayor Emmett Jordan was clearly upset over the information that efforts to construct a connecting trail between the South Core of Greenbelt Station, now well under development, with the Greenbelt Metro Station were put on hold by the Metro staff. The new development could be within easy walking distance of the station, but existing wetlands and vegetation prevent this from being done. The proposed path would have overcome these obstacles. The path would be temporary until such time as Greenbelt Station Parkway, the connector road that will run from Greenbelt Road through the South and North Cores of the Greenbelt Station development and interchange with the Beltway, is built. That road will then provide pedestrian and

bicycle access to the station from the South Core.

At a meeting in December 2014 of city planning staff, representatives of Woodlawn Development Group (the South Core de-

velopment firm obligated to build the path) and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Administration (WMATA) staff, an understanding was reached as to what

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PHOTO BY CORTLAND JONES

Author Steven Macalester poses with 8th grader volunteers Ilham Kabir, Alejandro Martinez and Tina Pham at the Greenbelt Middle School Literacy Showcase. See page 9.

What Goes On

Saturday, March 26

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot behind Municipal Building

10 a.m., Annual Egg Hunt, Buddy Attick Park

Tuesday, March 29

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Budget Presentation, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at greenbeltdmd.gov/municipalvtv

Wednesday, March 30

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Budget Overview, Revenues, General Government, Community Center

Saturday, April 2, Arbor Day

10 to 11 a.m., Tree Planting, Schrom Hills Park

11 a.m. to noon, Tree Tour, Schrom Hills Park

Letters to the Editor

Maryland State Song

Advocates of changing the Maryland state song are heartened by the 38 to 8 Senate vote passing a bill that would remove references to the Confederacy and replace one verse with a poem about Maryland’s natural beauty. We hope the House will pass it as well and Governor Hogan will sign it. (See articles in Washington Post Metro section March 17 and 18.)

Marjorie Gray

Generous

Considering the fact that one of Andy Carruthers’ whipping boys was the News Review, I think that its coverage of Andy’s death was gracious and generous. Eric Zhang’s picture of Andy wearing a green bow tie in an issue released on St. Patrick’s Day was a lovely touch. The many affectionate contributions recalling Andy’s kindnesses showed us a relatively hidden side of him and Bill Cornett’s memories of Andy were particularly touching.

Thank you.

Jim Link

Attention Must Be Paid

I am Andy. Like many in our community, I was saddened to see the front-page photo in the March 17, 2016 issue of a display at the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center memorializing Andy Carruthers, who took his life there in the early morning hours of March 11. In the center of this display was a note:

Andy, the world needed your skills and contributions.

But the world ignored what you offered.

Jobs . . . Full employment –

The forgotten mission of the New Deal.

[The last line was obscured by a flower and a large stone.]

I was stunned to find my reality – the terrible reality of unemployed older workers – tragically on display in the heart of Greenbelt.

Losing a job tends to be a moment of crisis no matter when it occurs; however, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study reported a startling reverse of the long-term trend with regard to suicide and age. During the span of time between 1928 and 2007, suicide rates of Americans aged 55 to 64 experienced a significant decline. From 1999 to 2010, there was a dramatic increase in the rate of suicides among men and women age 55 to 64. Deaths from suicides over-

took deaths from car crashes. Most of these suicides result from unemployment.

Four years ago, after a 35+ year career as an award-winning creative consultant and writer in corporate America, I began to lose contracts and projects to younger, mostly white men who were hip to social media. Sadly, corporate communications was becoming more about one’s skill in scoring “hits” and not in writing “words.” During an interview with a corporate vice president of communications for a possible writing project, I was asked how I maintained connections. I responded, “I nurture relationships. I am very good at listening.” Barely looking up from his iPad, the VP responded, “That’s old school.” I didn’t get the project.

I am a baby-boomer who grew up believing in the American dream: that if you are well-liked, work hard – and in my case, win more than 40 industry awards – you can find a job. For many baby boomers, that dream is dead. Instead of coasting into retirement, we are scrambling to pay basic living expenses. Perhaps Linda Loman, the wife of Willy Loman in Death of a Salesman, best expresses our plight:

Willy Loman never made a lot of money. His name was never in the paper. He’s not the finest character that ever lived. But he’s a human being, and a terrible thing is happening to him. So attention must be paid. He’s not to be allowed to fall into his grave like an old dog. Attention, attention must be finally paid to such a person.

Attention must be paid to Andy Carruthers. I never met Andy Carruthers, but I am Andy. You are Andy. Attention must be paid.

Sharon J. Anderson

THANKS

On Saturday, March 19, I had the honor of experiencing firsthand how well Greenbelters come together to make an event happen. The Spring Fair at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) was a rousing success, thanks to the community volunteers and local departments who generously donated their time and services.

Special appreciation goes to: Rachael Yokers (GES Music Department) and Lauren Cummings for putting together the first annual Greenbelt’s Got Talent show; Michael Barnes and Matt Houchens of Greenbelt Public Works for providing the always-

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Grief Support Group Meets Tuesdays

In response to the recent tragic loss in our community, CARES Crisis Intervention Counselors will facilitate three more grief counseling sessions for residents.

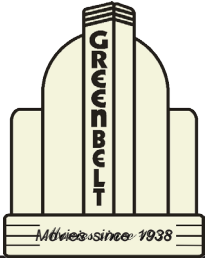
The sessions will be held on Tuesdays, March 29, April 5 and April 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt CARES office, 25 Crescent Road, Second Floor. For more information, call 301-345-6660.

The sessions are free and open to anyone wishing to attend. Follow-up counseling is available to those seeking additional support.



The Greenbelt
Grasshopper

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the Kids
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SHOWTIMES
Mar 25 – Mar 31

HELLO, MY NAME IS
DORIS (R) (CC) (95 m.)
Fri. 3:30, 5:45, 8:00 PM
Sat. 1:15, 3:30, 5:45,
8:00 PM
Sun. 1:15 (OC), 6:15 PM,
8:30 PM
Mon. 5:45, 8:00 PM
Tues. 5:45, 8:00 PM
Wed. 3:30, 5:45, 8:00 PM
Thurs. 5:45, 8:00 PM

Cult Series:
WAYNE’S WORLD
(1992) (95 m.)
Fri. 11:00 PM
Pre-Show Featuring School
of Rock House Band!

Family Series:
SINGIN’ IN THE RAIN
(NR) (1952) (103 m.)
Sat. 11:00 AM

Noir Series:
DOUBLE INDEMNITY
(NR) (1944) (110 m.)
Sun. 3:30 PM
Post-Film Discussion with
University of Maryland
Prof. Oliver Gaycken!



"I FEEL EMPTY INSIDE."



Hellebore foetidus (stinking hellebore) in bloom

PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

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On Screen

Hello, My Name is Doris

There are innumerable movies that focus on the relationship between an older man and a younger woman; a film that recounts an older woman’s growing connection with a much younger man is a rare bird. Though it is uncomfortable and uneasy at times, and hence realistic, seeing it is an experience to be remembered. Sally Field as Doris the 60-something subject, and Max Greenfield as John the 30-something object of her affection are completely believable as they try to sort out a relationship. Doris’s son, daughter-in-law and Doris’s friends respond to her new life following the death of her mother and her meeting with John variously and again, believably. Meanwhile, Doris tries to cope with grief and her hoarding habit, and gradually explores new and enjoyable experiences with John including clubbing, explorations online and a memorable concert. Highlighted by Field’s outstanding performance, this is one to see.

Rated R. Running time: 95 minutes.

- Peter Curtis

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of March 28 are as follows:

Monday, March 28: Orange juice, beef tortellini with meat sauce, kale, garlic bread stick, hot spiced fruit.

Tuesday, March 29: Cranberry juice, pork roast with herb sauce, whipped potatoes, green bean casserole, wheat bread, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, March 30: Apple juice, chicken noodle soup with crackers, meatball sub, mixed green salad with Italian dressing, fresh fruit.

Thursday, March 31: Grape juice, stuffed salmon with dill sauce, lima beans, parslied carrots, wheat roll, applesauce.

Friday, April 1: For information about today’s menu, call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, March 26, at the observatory at Northway Fields. Attendees may see Jupiter, the Pleiades star cluster and the Orion Nebula, and then turn to objects much more difficult to see from our area, such as the Owl Nebula, the Crab Nebula, the Pinwheel Galaxy, the Whirlpool Galaxy (M51) and the Cigar Galaxy. Attendees are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill. The Moon will not be up, so it will be dark.

Observing will begin at around 8:30 p.m. and continue for about two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Credit Union Annual Meeting

Greenbelt Federal Credit Union’s annual membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 29 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 201 (Multipurpose Room). There will be refreshments and door prizes.

Community Solar Energy Session

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network will be hosting an information session about community solar energy on Sunday, March 27 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 202.

Thanks to a new community solar law in Maryland, everybody can go solar! Community solar allows you to sign up for solar power for your home, business or organization without installing any equipment on your roof. It’s clean energy from a local project in your neighborhood. Come on March 27 to learn how you and your neighbors can join together to build a local clean energy solar project that will let you save money and help the environment. Become a part of the clean energy revolution!

Gary Skulnik will be the speaker at this event. He is a strategic thinker who has been a leader in developing the clean energy market in the East Coast. As President of Clean Currents, he started the movement for clean power in Maryland and the region. Skulnik is an active public speaker on sustainability, clean energy, B-Corps, social enterprises and many other topics.

For more info, contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, lore@simplicity-matters.org, 301-345-2234.



MakerSpace Events

As spring break begins, come see what’s being brewed at the Fermentation Fan Club from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 25.

Wednesday, March 30: Junior Legos returns from 4 to 5 p.m. Class size is limited for 5- to 8-year-olds working on Lego building challenges. Knit Night, for knitters, crocheters and other fiber enthusiasts, is from 6 to 9 p.m.

Friday, April 1 (April Fool’s Day) The end of spring break will be celebrated with First Friday Game Night. Come by to enjoy games of strategy with your friends and neighbors. Game Night features Settlers of Catan, Dominion, Fluxx and others.

Save the date: Mini Maker Faire is coming April 23. Sign up now to share interests, skills and projects with others in the community. Visit make125.org for more information.

Café Seeks Artists For Art Show

All artists, working in any medium, including photography, are invited to submit art work to the annual spring group show at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center. This exhibit, which will be on display from May 3 to June 27, is held in conjunction with the Green Man Festival. The theme this year is Flowers. The reception for the public will be held on Sunday, June 5 from 3 to 5 p.m., as part of the community’s annual celebration of Greenbelt Day. For more information, contact Meg Haney, chair of the art show committee, at myevsuk@aol.com.

The New Deal Café art show program is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt.

Cannizzo Addresses Astronomical Society

Dr. John Cannizzo will be the featured speaker at the March meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt. He will give an overview of black holes in the universe, starting with the history of the subject, going through the various bits of evidence for different kinds of black holes, and finishing with the recent LIGO discovery.

Cannizzo obtained his bachelor of science degree from the University of New Mexico and his master’s and Ph.D. from the University of Texas (Austin) in astronomy. Following postdoctoral stints at Harvard and McMaster University, he was a visiting professor at Kenyon College and then the recipient of a Humboldt Fellowship. He is currently an Associate Research Scientist at UMBC and is affiliated with the Astroparticle Physics Laboratory of the Goddard Space Flight Center.

The meeting will be held Thursday evening, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Greenbelt Community Center. All are welcome. There is no admission fee.

New Deal Café Celebrates Poetry

Poetry will be celebrated Sunday, April 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Poetry Moment Reception at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center. This annual event during National Poetry Month offers local poets, especially those poets whose poems have been displayed in the Poetry Moment Box outside the New Deal Café, the opportunity to share their poetry with other poetry lovers. Attendees may also read poems by other poets. Music and refreshments will be offered.

This year the Poetry Moment Reception is being held as well to honor Juan Felipe Herrera, the 2015 U.S. poet laureate. Herrera is the first Hispanic American to be named poet laureate. A reading of his poems will be included in the program. Music will be provided by Mayor Emmett Jordan with Brazilian-influenced guitar styling and Jan Knutson, who will perform Latin and jazz solo guitar.

The Poetry Moment Reception is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt. This year the event is also co-sponsored by El Arte y Culturas Latino en Greenbelt, a new group whose mission is to produce events featuring Latino arts and artists in the community.

For more information, visit newdealcafe.com/events/poetry-moment.php.

Arts Advisory Board Meets April 5

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. At this meeting, the board will consider applications from Friends of New Deal Café Arts, the Greenbelt Arts Center, the Greenbelt Concert Band and the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society for financial and in-kind city support during Fiscal Year 2017. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2057.

GIVES Quarterly Meeting March 26

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center.

Residents of Greenbelt, looking for a way to give or receive service from fellow residents, can learn at the quarterly meeting about this 20-year-old organization, which continues to work in the spirit in which Greenbelt was founded: one of sharing service and helping to make Greenbelt great.

New members are always welcome and can come to meetings or stop in the office in the Community Center Senior Lounge. For further information call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

GHI Notes

Friday, March 25, Office Closed, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011

Monday, March 28, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Tuesday, March 29, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, GHI Administration Building

Thursday, March 31, 7 p.m., Greenbelt Federal Credit Union Seminar, Board Room
Saturday, April 2, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads.

The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership.

More Community Events
are located throughout the paper.

Utopia Film Festival Presents
Sunday, March 27th & Wednesday, March 30th
Beginning at 8 PM

“God Has Arrived,” “God Is a Dog,” “A Quest for Peace,” “Judgment Day,” “Buddha’s Bracelet,” and “Redemption Stone”

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)
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directed by Pauline Griller-Michell

April 8 - 30

Friday and Saturday at 8:00
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Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission,
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Celtic Concert – May 7
The Hollow – June 17 – 26
The Eaton Woman – July 8 – 17

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Week of March 25

FRIDAY – THURSDAY

London Has Fallen, R

1:50, 9:40

The Perfect Match, R

11:20, 4:20, 7:10

Zootopia, PG

10:55, 11:30, 1:20, 2, 3:45, 4:30, 6:55, 9:20

Divergent: Allegiant, PG-13

11:10, 1:45, 4:10, 7, 10

Batman v. Superman, in 3D, PG-13**

2:15, 5:30, 8:45

Batman v. Superman, in 2D, PG-13

10:45, 11:55, 12:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:45, 8, 9:30

Miracles from Heaven, PG

11:40, 2, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40

Deadpool, R

7:10, 9:50



Congratulations to Carl and Audrey Boushell of Ridge Road who will celebrate 60 years of marriage on March 31. They were married in England when Carl was stationed there during WWII.

Congratulations to David Gardner, who won the grand prize at the regional STEM fair, and will go on to the International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Ariz., in May. Other Greenbelt residents who received awards at the regional STEM fair include high-schoolers Scott Candey, Elaina Perry, Denise Restum and Emma Grier and middle-schoolers Bela Martins, Ryley Komisar-Bury and Yoshi Chettri.

Congratulations to the Greenbelt Middle School orchestra for receiving superior ratings at the Prince George's County Festival. They now qualify to go to state. The State Solo and Ensemble Festival qualifier is Rebecca Gardner.

Greenbelt Middle School sixth grader, Kayla Winn, is the winner of the It Takes Two, Inc. Martin Luther King essay contest. The winning essay can be found online at <http://bit.ly/21C27XQ>. Another GMS sixth grader, Julian Cooper, won first place in the ForBookLoversOnly literacy book contest.

Greenbelt Middle School teacher Christina Doepel was awarded the Patrice Behring National History Day State Teacher of the Year. She is in the running for National Teacher of the Year.

Greenbelter Sarah Hinsley was a winner of the NPR Weekend Edition Sunday Puzzle last weekend. It was great to hear a hometown girl on the radio with puzzlemaster Will Shortz.

Get well wishes to David Lange who is recovering from a serious illness at Doctors Community Rehabilitation Center. He misses seeing his friends around Greenbelt, especially the folks in his exercise class.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news for the next Our Neighbors column. To send information for Our Neighbors, email editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or leave a message at 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho

At the Library

All Prince George's County Memorial Library System branches will be closed on Sunday, March 27 for the Easter holiday. The Greenbelt Library will reopen on Monday, March 28 at 1 p.m.

Storytimes

Wednesday, March 30, ages 1 to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); ages birth to 1, 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Teen Writers Club

Monday, March 28, 6:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Meet other teens who share an interest in writing. Learn how to improve your writing, try new approaches and meet authors and other experts in the publishing field.

STEM for Families

Tuesday, March 29, 2 p.m., ages 5 to 12 with adult. Children explore science, technology, engineering and math. Drop in for hands-on experiments and activities.



Easter Sunrise Service Planned

An ecumenical Easter sunrise service will be held on Sunday, March 27 at 7 a.m. at Buddy Attick Park. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Rain location will be the Greenbelt Community Church, Hillside and Crescent Road.

Mishkan Torah Presents Rescheduled Talk

The previously scheduled talk on Climate Change and the Future of Food, which was cancelled twice, has been rescheduled for Monday, March 28, at 7:30 pm at Mishkan Torah.

Lewis H. Ziska, PhD, a plant physiologist with the USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) in Beltsville, and a contributor to the 2014 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, will present an overview of the impact of documented and projected changes in atmospheric carbon dioxide on food security. He will also discuss adaptation strategies as a possible means of maintaining agricultural production in the future.

The synagogue is located at 10 Ridge Road. Hosted by Mishkan Torah's Social Action Committee, the talk is free and open to the public. Light refreshments, including some that are threatened by climate change, will be served. For more information, email socialaction@mishkantorah.org.

City Notes

Animal Control staff reports one parakeet was surrendered, two cats were adopted and a baby squirrel who fell from a tree was reunited with its mother.

Public Works staff reviewed the condition of the pedestrian bridge at Buddy Attick Park.

Horticulture/Parks crew cleared out Turner Cemetery and revealed 16 native iron stone grave markers, and developed signage in support of a Buddy Attick Park pollinator garden.

Recreation staff inspected new strength training fitness equipment installed at Schrom Hills Park.

All four sections of the Underwater Egg Hunt scheduled for March 25 are sold out.



World War I Exhibit at Aviation Museum

The College Park Aviation Museum is opening a new exhibit entitled Over Here & Over There: College Park and Prince George's County during World War I. The public is invited to the free exhibit opening reception on Thursday, March 24 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Discover the many ways the first military pilots, who trained at College Park, influenced aviation during and after the war. Learn about Marylanders who served during The Great War and explore the Victory and Liberty Loan program and how American families contributed. The exhibit is on view through December 2016. To learn more about hours, admission and programs, call 301-864-6029 or visit CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com.



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popular bucket truck rides (even in the rain!); Robert Tripe and Jason, Mary and Tyler Doane for showing off the Greenbelt Fire Department’s brand new ambulance and Officer Jerry Potts for sharing his Greenbelt Police Department vehicle with the crowd.

Sincere thanks are also owed to: Sheila Maffay-Tuthill and Megan Searing Young, Greenbelt Museum; Gaye Houchens and Cathy Pracht, Greenbelt Recreation Department; Caitlin McGrath, Old Greenbelt Theatre; Karen Yoho and all of the GMS and ERHS student volunteers; Piri and Linnea Jenkins; the innumerable GES parent volunteers and the GES PTA for their financial support.

Thank you again to everyone who volunteered and attended. We look forward to doing it all over again next spring.

*Amy Knesel
GES PTA*

Greenbelt Animal Shelter

The Greenbelt City Council proceedings from February 22 were documented in the March 10 News Review (and a recording is available on the city website). At that meeting Brian Almquist presented to council a petition to: 1) require the Greenbelt Animal Shelter (GAS) to stop advertising itself as a “No Kill” shelter (because both city and county animal control records show that GAS does not adhere to the No Kill standards and their live release rate is below the 90 percent, a minimum standard facilities must meet to claim the No Kill label); and 2) require GAS to keep accurate records (after city records showed gross negligence in tracking and reporting where animals in their care ended up).

In response to Almquist’s petition, City Manager Michael McLaughlin stated that GAS has changed the terminology on their website from a No Kill” shelter to a “No Kill for Convenience” shelter. However, Almquist, in his petition, explained that No Kill and No Kill for Convenience mean the same thing. GAS is unable to document that they adhere to the No Kill standards, and yet they continue (apparently with the council’s and the city manager’s full support) to advertise as such. In doing so they are allowing GAS to misrepresent themselves to the public. For example, how would someone who has a health condition and can no longer care for their dog feel if they later found out the pooch they entrusted to GAS ended up being killed at the county shelter? The former pet owner thought they were doing right by their companion animal and making sure the dog would be rehomed (a promise No Kill facilities keep), when that’s not actually guaranteed at GAS – which is in direct opposition to the No Kill standards to which they claim to adhere.

During the petition hearing, Almquist gave one example of GAS sending a box of five kittens to the county shelter – and county records support other documented cases of dogs and cats that GAS animal control officers dumped at the county shelter, which is a high kill facility (i.e., they do kill for space reasons). GAS’s documented actions

here are highly inconsistent with the No Kill standards. No Kill facilities simply do not do this. Instead, when there is a shortage of space true No Kill facilities transfer animals to other No Kill shelters or to other specialized rescue organizations that do not kill for space reasons. GAS’s records do not show they work with any other No Kill organizations.

Also during the petition hearing, Almquist offered a reasonable option: GAS can advertise as “Striving for No Kill” or something similar. The responsible thing to do is to remove the description of No Kill (or in this case now, No Kill for Convenience shelter) until GAS and an outside, unbiased auditing entity can review the city and county animal disposition documentation and come to the conclusion that the GAS is actually performing as a No Kill facility.

Until then, it is irresponsible for council and the city to continue to allow GAS to claim it is a No Kill facility.

As a member of the Greenbelt public, this arrogant and deceptive behavior infuriates me. As tax paying citizens, we deserve better from our council and our city manager; they need to stop dodging the facts and put more effective and transparent governance in place where the GAS is concerned.

Ashley Landreth

Open Letter To Chief Craze

Can you tell me why there are no barriers or signs preventing vehicles from driving onto the Gladys N. Spellman pedestrian bridge from Gardenway? There is nothing to prevent cars and small trucks from driving onto and across the bridge before stopping at the east side barrier poles at the edge of the apartment complex on Hanover Parkway.

I understand the bridge and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway are the responsibility of the National Park Service. Gardenway is not their responsibility, but is the City of Greenbelt’s. I have sent an email to the National Park Service about this. I also contacted the U.S. Park Police at Greenbelt Park. I was told the pedestrian bridge is not their jurisdiction.

There is a manhole cover at the edge of the blacktop and the cement/concrete bridge. I understand the need to allow access to this. However, barrier poles could be placed alongside the cover or between the cover and bridge. Georgetown University had temporary barrier poles that could be removed by authorized personnel. The poles were padlocked into a flush ground hole to prevent unauthorized vehicles from entering an area.

I asked two of your officers about this earlier today on Hanover Parkway. Officer Eppard and a female officer were dismissive about my question and concerns. Officer Eppard claimed there were signs and barriers on the west side. Officer Eppard is wrong. I took pictures a few minutes ago. There are no signs or barriers. Both officers refused to pass my concerns along the chain of command. I was told to contact the Park Service and you, as they repeatedly refused to pass

along my concern and complaint. I told them that this is a safety issue, as confused or drunk drivers could end up on the bridge, damaging it. They dismissed my concerns. They said their supervisors could not do anything. I said they could, by passing the information along the chain of command and that you could contact the Park Service. Officer Eppard claimed that his police vehicle would be severely damaged if he tried to drive onto the bridge from Gardenway. That is false as the bridge is wide enough and the fencing tall enough for a small cargo van delivery truck to access the bridge. Officer Eppard stated that he is regularly on Gardenway. If so, then why is he wrong about the lack of barriers and signs? Officer Eppard stated that drivers needed access to the public gardens. The public garden gravel path is far from the bridge entrance.

The words and actions of the two officers reflect poorly on your department and the City of Greenbelt. The refusal to pass along safety concerns is disheartening. The statements that a supervisor or the chief can’t do anything are wrong.

I understand the bridge belongs to the Park Service, but there is no reason for your officers to dismiss the safety concerns, nor for your department not to pass along this to the proper authorities.

Again, this is a safety issue. There is nothing to prevent a vehicle from driving onto the bridge from Gardenway.

J. W. Thompson

Response

Thank you for contacting me. I am disappointed that you did not receive the service you deserved by the officers. I will follow up on that with their supervisor.

As for the lack of barriers on the Gardenway side of the bridge, I cannot advise you why it was so designed but I know where to go in an attempt to find out. I will be forwarding your message to the Department of Planning and Community Development who may be able to assist. You will be hearing back from them or me shortly.

Please feel free to contact me directly any time in the future with any concerns that you may have.

*Jim Craze
Chief, Greenbelt Police*

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The centers closest to Greenbelt in order of distance are the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park; the Wayne Curry Sports and Learning Center, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover; the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel; and the Bowie Gymnasium, 4100 Northview Drive, Bowie. Other centers are located in Ft. Washington, Forestville, Upper Marlboro and Brandywine. All of the county’s early voting centers are accessible to voters with disabilities.

Absentee Voting

Voters wishing to vote absentee must first submit an application to receive an absentee ballot from the county board of elections. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by Tuesday, April 19 to receive the ballot by mail or fax, or by Friday, April 22 in order to download the ballot from the state website. All qualified voters are eligible to vote absentee. No reason or explanation for wanting to vote absentee is required.

There are several ways that one can apply to receive an absentee ballot. Those who have a Maryland driver’s license or an identification card issued by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) may apply for a ballot online. Another option is to print out an application form online and return it to the county board of elections by mail, fax or email (scanned as an attachment). The voter may also call the board of elections and ask for a form to be mailed or go to the board office and fill one out. In applying for the ballot, the voter will designate a preference for receiving the ballot back either by mail or by email.

Voters who cannot go to the board office themselves may designate someone to take in their completed application form and pick up the ballot for them. Doing so requires completion of a Designation of Agent form, which is available online or from the board office. The ballot itself will contain detailed instructions for completing and returning it.

After the county has approved the application and sent out the ballot, the voter must either mail or hand-deliver the completed ballot to the county board office by Election Day, April 26. It may not be emailed or faxed. Nor can it be taken to an early voting center or polling place.

If the ballot is hand-delivered, it must be received at the board office by 8 p.m. on April 26. If the ballot is mailed, it must be postmarked no later than April 26, and it must be received at the county board office no later than 10 a.m. on May 6, 2016.

For information about early and absentee voting, go to elections.state.md.us/voting or call the office of the local board. Contact information for the Prince George’s County Board of Elections is 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774, 301-341-7300 (voice), 301-341-7391 (fax), election@co.pg.md.us (email), boeabsenteevoting@co.pg.md.us (email questions on absentee voting). Operating hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Radical Readers Essay Contest

Maryland public middle school students can win a free iPad mini by reading I Am Malala by Malala Yousafza (young readers version) during the month of March and writing a 250-word essay. I Am Malala is the story of a young woman who risked her life to get an education and became the youngest woman to win a Nobel Peace Prize. The essay contest is an extension of the Radical Readers program. Send a typed or neatly handwritten essay to: Radical Readers Essay Challenge, 140 Main Street, Annapolis, MD 21401, by Monday, April 11, 4:45 p.m. or email to readingchallenge@mseanea.org.

The essay must include answers to the following questions plus the requested description:

What do you think about Malala’s decision to go to school? If you were Malala and had to make the same choice, what would you do and why? How did you feel learning about what happened to Malala? What memory in your life did it remind you of? Describe how the book made you feel about the importance of education. Did the book change the way you see your life, and if so, how?

The four winners of the Radical Readers Essay Contest will be announced at the community screening of He Named Me Malala on Saturday, April 23 at 10 a.m. at the Spaulding Branch Library, located at 5811 Old Silver Hill Road, District Heights. RSVP to 301-817-3750 to attend this free public event and meet Angie Ange of WKYS FM 93.9.

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Foundation Celebrates Tenth With Explore Your Greenbelt

by Carol Shaw

Explore Your Greenbelt is a new initiative of the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) which works with Greenbelt non-profit and community organizations to provide grant funding for a variety of projects that contribute to the wellbeing of this community. This year GCF is celebrating its tenth anniversary with its Explore Your Greenbelt engagement campaign to encourage families, individuals and young professionals to participate in specific monthly events and activities to be held by some of the organizations GCF has funded.

Explore Your Greenbelt will run from April to October and highlight events or activities from each of 14 organizations. These organizations serve the community in many different ways. Some are specific events like the Green Man Festival. Others are explorative activities like visiting the pond at Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive and investigating the wetland there restored by the Greenbelt Girl Scouts. Participants can win prizes by uploading selfies they take of themselves enjoying the event or activity.

Funding for GCF is provided by generous contributions from residents and organizations

within the city who pledge their support. Founded just 10 years ago, GCF has already given over \$150,000 to a variety of organizations working within the city. The positive effects of recipient projects are felt city wide. Organizations receiving grants include this newspaper, the Farmers Market, the movie theater, Maker-Space, Greenbelt Arts Center, the

Co-operative Incubator, Camp-fire Girls, Greenbelt Elementary School PTA, alight dance theater and many others. Many people’s lives have been touched by this grassroots initiative.

For more information, go to greenbeltcommunityfoundation.net/explore. The full schedule is printed in the ad next to this article.



PHOTO BY SUZETTE AGANS

The Greenbelt Community Foundation presents a grant to Greenbelt Elementary School for educational games and materials to support counseling for autistic children as well as those who struggle with behavioral and emotional challenges in the classroom. Pictured at the GES Spring Fair (l-r): Mary Ann Canter, Greenbelt Elementary school psychologist; Lois Rosado, board member of the Greenbelt Community Foundation; and Peter Colarco, PTA treasurer.



Greenbelt's Business

Rachel Keeps Her McCarl Dental Patients Smiling

by Lisa McCarl

The McCarl Dental Group announces that Rachel Heineman has completed 20 years of service with them. Heineman was the first of three sisters to join the staff at McCarl Dental Group after she heard about the Greenbelt dental office 20 years ago from a mutual friend of Dr. Jay McCarl. She became a part-time dental assistant while taking college courses. Her sister Christine (now a dental hygienist with the practice) went to work for the McCarls just months after Rachel started and another sister, Emily, worked for McCarl Dental Group for several years.

Heineman has many valuable attributes that make her an outstanding employee. In addition to being compassionate and understanding to dental patients, she is intelligent and deep thinking. Rachel is a receptionist at both the Greenbelt and Shipley’s Choice dental offices. She enjoys helping patients understand their dental insurance and the administrative details of their dental treatment. She helps patients explore the range of financial options available to McCarl patients and directs them to our Patient Advocate for additional financial assistance.

Many patients don’t realize that Rachel is a talented photographer. Her passion for art and

design are apparent in her beautiful photographs. She specializes in photography of families and children and has taken pictures for her coworkers and the dentists at McCarl Dental Group. Rachel enjoys reading literary classics in her spare time. She and her husband Pete are the proud parents of two beautiful children.

Rachel says, “I have always appreciated the flexibility that has been extended by the McCarls while I was in school and now that I have children. I feel blessed that I can work part-time at a place where I enjoy the people I work with

and where the hours are perfect for me to be able to stay home with my two children. I enjoy helping patients and I feel good when they walk out our doors smiling.”



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McCarl employee Rachel Heineman poses with son Cole and daughter Abby.



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Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt MD 20770
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GREENBELT GREEN MAN FESTIVAL
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Roosevelt Center
Crescent & Southway, Greenbelt MD 20770
- MAY 21: 11AM–3PM**
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Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative
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- JUNE 5: 11AM–2PM**
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Greenbelt Museum
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Greenbelt, MD 20768
- JULY 17: 3:30PM–5PM**
MOVIE: *First Position*
PERFORMANCE by alight dance
Friends Of The Greenbelt Theater
129 Centerway, Greenbelt MD 20770
- AUGUST 7: 10AM–2PM**
EXPLORE THE MARKET
Greenbelt Farmers Market
Roosevelt Center
Crescent Road & Southway, Greenbelt
- AUGUST 27: 2PM–6PM**
BACK TO SCHOOL
FAMILY COMMUNITY DAY
Beltway Plaza Mall
6000 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt MD 20770
- SEPTEMBER 2-5: festival hours**
LABOR DAY WEEKEND FOOD DRIVE
Ladies Of Charity, Saint Hughs
Roosevelt Center, South Parking Lot
Crescent Road & Southway, Greenbelt
- SEPTEMBER 10: 1PM–11:30PM**
GREENBELT BLUES FESTIVAL
Friends Of The New Deal Cafe
Roosevelt Center
Crescent Road & Southway, Greenbelt
- OCTOBER 7: 7PM–9PM**
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The Greenbelt Community Foundation is celebrating their 10th anniversary by challenging you to Explore Your Greenbelt through experiencing events and organizations that make this city a wonderful place to live.

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needed to be done in the way of plans and agreement for WMATA to approve the trail being placed on its Greenbelt Station property. On March 3, another meeting was held at which the city and developer were told that construction of the path had to be put on hold at least until September because of the possible relocation of the FBI headquarters facility to the station property.

Garage

If Greenbelt is chosen for the FBI site, WMATA plans to quickly undertake construction of a new parking garage to accommodate commuter parking so that the old lot can be developed for the FBI and other uses. The parking garage is sited where the proposed path would go and it would be unsafe for pedestrians and bicyclists to traverse the area during construction. That would mean pedestrian and bicycle access from the South Core would not be possible until 2018-19, barring further delays.

Should the FBI go to one of the other two sites under consideration, then there would be no plans for the early redevelopment of the station property or the need to build the garage. Then WMATA would entertain Woodlawn building the path if the city agreed to maintain it.

With winter fast approaching, work probably could not be undertaken until sometime in 2017.

Jordan asked if a temporary path could be put in, but Justin Frye of Woodlawn responded that even for that permits would be needed from the state and federal governments as well as from WMATA, which opposes it being done. Frye noted that Woodlawn's expenses for this project were well into six figures.

Councilmember Silke Pope noted that in the meantime the developer was running a shuttle bus to the station, a costly operation. Councilmembers Leta Mach and Judith Davis also expressed upset and disappointment but didn't see any alternative but to wait.

A new Greenbelt resident of the South Core, Patricia Walters, told the council that she and many of her neighbors had moved here because of the convenient access to Metro. The shuttle bus is nice, she said, but it doesn't work for her. She tried walking to the station on

existing roads (Greenbelt Road, Cherrywood Lane and Metro Station Drive). That took 40 minutes – doable, but too long for a commute, she said. She can catch a bus at the intersection of Greenbelt Station Parkway and Greenbelt Road that goes straight to the Metro station. That is doable, but the path would be better, she concluded.

Other Paths

The council then switched from considering a path that can't be done yet to others for the South Core that perhaps can be done. For this, a state easement across its Indian Creek floodplain property is required on the east side of the creek, the new development being on the creek's west bank. One trail would connect Greenbelt Station Parkway and the new development to a loop trail through the state property, at the other end of which is Cherrywood Lane near its intersection with Breezewood Drive. Boardwalks would be constructed across the creek and wetlands.

A second trail would connect the loop to Branchville Road (on the north side of Greenbelt Road) and run straight north-south along the eastern border of the South Core property. Branchville Road in turn connects to existing pedestrian-bicycle trails at Lake Artemesia and along Paint Branch and the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River. All the new trails would be on relatively level ground.

Woodlawn is seeking approval for the path plans and is requesting an extension of time in which to undertake the required work because of the delays expected to obtain a state permit. While Woodlawn and staff believe that the state will approve the construction, the permit process takes time. Under its agreement with the city, Woodlawn is obligated to stop building homes until a path is built after 250 units are granted permits. Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze told the council that 209 permits have been issued by the city and 237 by the county.

While Woodlawn sought extension to 350 permits, Craze recommended council provide an extension until 300 permits have been issued, noting another extension could be done if it was determined to be needed. Frye

assured council that the developer was ready to undertake construction once agreement with the city was reached and a state permit issued.

Councilmembers appeared to be satisfied with the pathway plans. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said the council should also consider seeking the support and assistance of the city's delegation to the Maryland General Assembly. It was also suggested that this was a matter of which to make the new residents aware and that it should be done before the first homeowners association meeting will be held on April 6.

Other Matters

Frye said the developer was seeking proposals to put under contract construction of Central Park, a mall-like public space running east-west through the new development.

Walters expressed concern on the impact of the FBI on Greenbelt Station Parkway in her development. Craze told her that the road is being built to its ultimate design. The road will be eight lanes in the North Core but that is to provide multiple turning lanes for station, FBI and Beltway access.

Walters also asked about proposed commercial development. She would like to see some convenience stores in the development. Jordan told her the council was pushing for small stores, but that no one had come along with a proposal to do so. There is vacant land for a small commercial area. He asked for resident input as to what they would like there, noting that the developer had a year to find a commercial developer. Frye said any development proposal would require a public hearing where there could also be resident input.

Walters also was concerned about excessive parking on the streets. Frye said that was partially due to construction worker vehicles and streets not yet properly marked. It was also suggested that this was a matter for the homeowners association to consider. Resident units each have one garage and one driveway space to use.

Walters concluded by saying she loves living in Greenbelt. "It is so near to everything. And the people are great."

Homeschoolers' Projects Include Pi Day, Electricity

by Li'l Dan Celdran



Homeschool parent Katy Collin and kids discuss radius using a pie as example.

During the past several weeks, the Greenbelt Homeschoolers had some fun and educational field trips around town. They celebrated Pi Day, March 14 (3.14) by measuring and calculating circumferences, diameters and radii of various pies (such as egg frittata, taco quiche, apple pie, chocolate chip pie) and other circular objects.

On another trip students enjoyed learning about electricity using Snap Circuits Jr. sponsored by the Greenbelt Library. Children used the easy-to-follow instructions in the manual to build products such as a flying saucer, alarms and doorbells. All the parts snapped together to the closed circuit board.

Community members and residents from Green Ridge House celebrated St. Patrick's Day by creating Spring-themed crafts.

Photos by Li'l Dan Celdran



The Nickel family and their team members build a circuit using a fan.



On St. Patrick's Day, Betty, Ray, George and Carolyn created spring-inspired crafts at Green Ridge House as part of an intergenerational community service project sponsored by Green Ridge House and Greenbelt Homeschoolers.

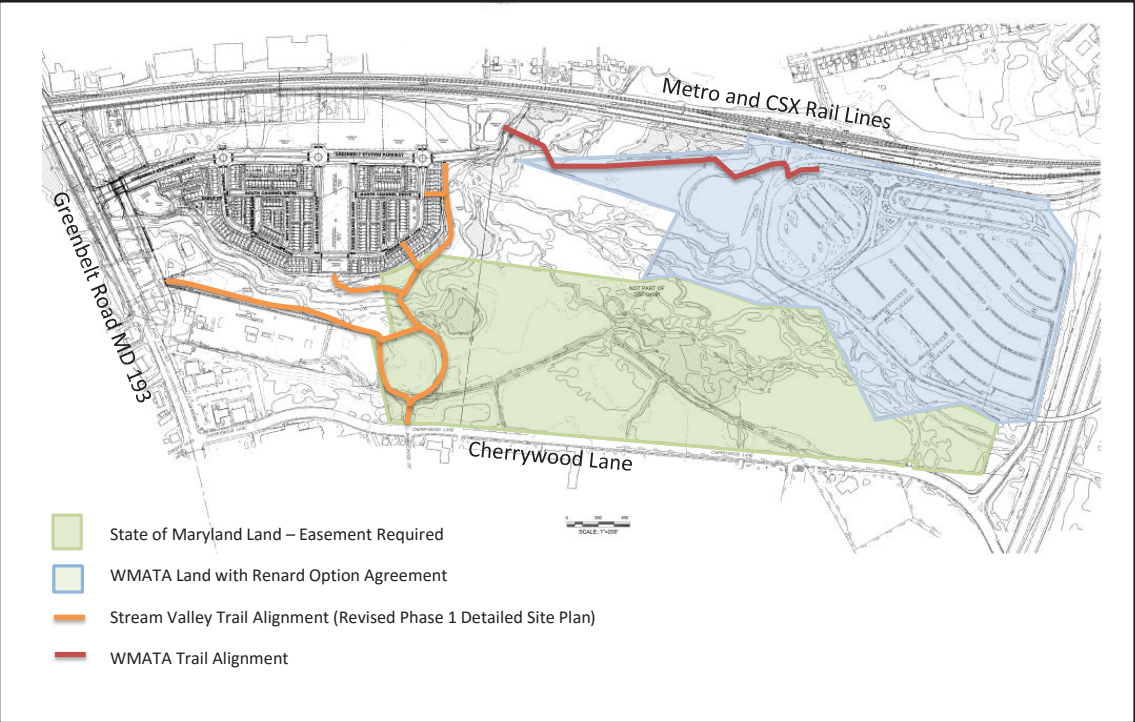


Diagram of the proposed Greenbelt Station Area Hiker/Biker Trails presented to Greenbelt City Council.



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Fun at Greenbelt Elementary Spring Fair



The littlest attendees enjoy the “Treasure Hunt” sand pit.

Greenbelt Elementary School celebrated their Spring Fair on Saturday, March 19.

Photos by Amy Knesel



Andrea and Maeve Waters enjoy a bucket truck ride provided by public works.



Officer Potts describes police work to student John Kelley.



Kaden Ezzell created the Mother and Child Statue at a craft opportunity provided by the Greenbelt Museum.



Cathy Pracht assists at the Greenbelt Recreation Department spring art table.

Greenbelt Middle School Literacy Showcase

The March 17 literacy event at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) brought out an enthusiastic crowd of students and parents, eager to get up and read a poem or speak about their favorite books. After a presentation by author Steven Macalester, a panel of 8th grade students and other special guests spoke passionately about the value of literacy. The showcase

began with a performance by the award-winning Greenbelt Middle School orchestra, and ended with an impressive dance display by three students from the after-school dance program, along with a book giveaway. GMS Graphic Design teacher Cortland Jones coordinated the event, which was sponsored by It Takes Two, Inc. and For-BookLoversOnly.



PHOTO BY 8TH GRADE VOLUNTEER

Essay contest winner Kayla Winn, with contest sponsor Jaemellah Kemp, It Takes Two, Inc.

Learn about Eggs At Patuxent Center

On Friday, March 25 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Patuxent Wildlife Visitor Center children ages 5 to 7 can discover what is growing inside an egg. Learn about many different animals that hatch from eggs and take a hike to search for some in their habitats. Springtime is the perfect time for eggs.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

Shakespeare’s Music Featured at UMD

On Saturday, March 26 at 8 p.m., there will be a free concert, Shakespeare’s Music, Not of an Age but for All Time, in the Ulrich Recital Hall of The Clarice. Performing will be the Invoke String Quartet, the Maryland Palustrina Choir and UMD School of Music soloists.

Building Museum Has Family Day

This Saturday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the National Building Museum and the National Cherry Blossom Festival present National Cherry Blossom Festival Family Day, a free event for all ages. Celebrate springtime in the nation’s capital and in the parks and green spaces by participating in a day of hands-on crafts, activities and games focused on parks, planning, landscape architecture and Japanese arts and design.

Visitors will have a chance to fold origami masterpieces, design a memorial for the National Mall, construct a tatebanko paper diorama, meet duAro, Kawasaki’s drawing robot, and connect with the National Park Service and its Centennial celebrations.

This is a free, drop in program, and no registration required. The National Building Museum is located at 401 F Street, NW. For more information, contact Emma Filar at 202-272-2448, ext. 3458 or efilar@nbm.org.



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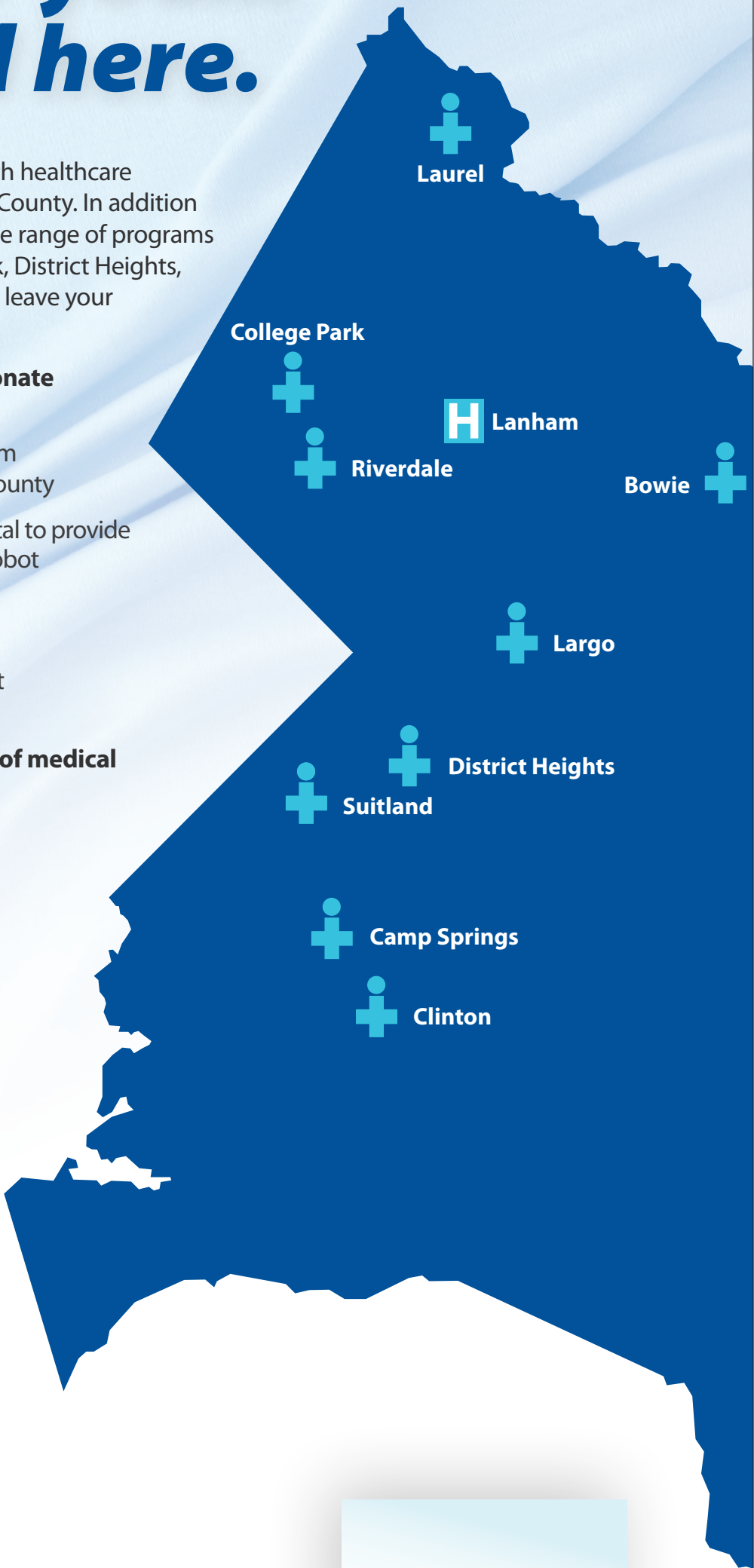
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Police Blotter

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
March 15, 4:24 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A youth walking to her residence was approached by a group of four teens. One of the teens accused the youth of talking about her. She then punched the youth while another teen took her cell phone. Four teens were located in the area a short time later. They were released to parents pending further investigation.

DWI/DUI
March 11, 11:35 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A 37-year-old resident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol and traffic-related offenses during a traffic accident investigation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Sex Offense
March 11, 5:30 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for fourth-degree sex offense and second-degree assault after he inappropriately touched a girl, who knows him, at a playground. He was released to a guardian pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Theft
March 11, 7:15 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A dog, described as a black and white male Labrador-Cane Corso mix, was taken from the patio area of an apartment residence.

March 12, 1:15 p.m., 500 block Crescent Road. A cab driver in Washington D.C. picked up a man who wanted a ride to Baltimore. The driver stopped in the parking lot of the Greenbelt Police Department when the man had a problem with paying the fare. When the cabbie went inside to speak with an officer, the man exited the cab and fled without paying the fare. He is described as black with a dark complexion, wearing a brown shirt with a picture of Bob Marley on the front.

March 15, 12:21 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. After a woman left her phone on a counter inside Safeway, it was found and placed behind the counter by an employee. A man approached the counter, told the employee the phone was his and then fled. He is described as black, 25 to 30 years old, 5’8” tall, 150 pounds, with short black hair, a goatee and mustache.

March 15, 7:14 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 13-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for theft after she allegedly pulled a phone from the rear pocket of another youth and attempted to flee. She was stopped by an officer and the phone was recovered. She was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Fraud
March 15, 10:02 a.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. A woman received a call from someone who claimed to be with the IRS and told her she owed them money. She was instructed to put the

amount owed onto reloadable charge cards and give the caller the card numbers over the phone to complete the transaction. She did so and later discovered it was a scam.

Trespass
March 13, 12:10 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for trespass, theft and false statement after he was stopped as a shoplifter at Safeway. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

March 16, 1:56 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A 30-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was located on the grounds of Franklin Park Apartments after having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

March 16, 9:20 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. Two 16-year-old youths, one a Greenbelt resident, were arrested for trespass after they were located on the grounds of Greenbriar Condominiums after one youth was found to be truant from school and the other had been suspended. One was released to a guardian and the other was released to school administrators pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Disorderly Conduct
March 13, 12:55 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 25-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, possession of open alcohol, malicious destruction and interfering with a lawful arrest after interfering with the March 13 trespass arrest described above. He also poured an alcoholic beverage onto a marked police cruiser. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Burglary
March 10, 9:50 p.m., 7600 block Mandan Road. A television was taken after a residence was entered by breaking out the glass patio door.

March 12, 2:30 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Two televisions, a propane grill and a red child-size bicycle were taken after entry was gained by way of an unsecured sliding glass door. A man seen carrying a television in the area is possibly involved. He is described as black, 25 to 30 years old, 5’6” tall, 140 to 160 pounds, with short hair.

Vehicle Crime
Two stolen vehicles were recovered. A 2001 Dodge Caravan reported stolen March 3 from the 9100 block Edmonston Court was recovered March 14 by Forest Heights police in the 5500 block Arapahoe Drive in Oxon Hill. A 1996 Toyota Tercel reported stolen February 11 from the 5700 block of Cherrywood Lane was recovered March 15 by Baltimore City police in the 100 block W.

Barrie Street.
Two nonresidents were arrested and charged with theft after a traffic stop on Greenbelt Road near Capitol Drive. Tags on the vehicle they were operating were found to have been reported stolen to the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department. Both men were released on citation pending trial.

Three thefts from vehicles were reported. Sunglasses, earphones and a credit card were taken from a possibly unsecured vehicle in the 9100 block Springhill Court. A purse and a laptop computer were taken in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road after the driver’s door window was broken out. Tags Md. 2CLA14 were taken from a vehicle in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

Three reports of vandalism were received. A hole was punched into a gas tank in the 9100 block Springhill Lane. Paint on a vehicle was scratched in the 7500 block Greenbelt Road. The front passenger window of a vehicle was broken out in the 6600 block Lake Park Drive.

The Clarice Presents Free Solo Play

American Moor will be staged on Tuesday, March 29 at 5 p.m. in the Kogod Theatre at The Clarice. The 90-minute solo play, written and performed by Keith Hamilton Cobb, examines the experience and perspective of black men in America through the metaphor of William Shakespeare’s character, Othello. American Moor is not an “angry black man play.” Rather the diverse audiences that have experienced it echo the piece’s awareness that one sees only what one wants to see of one another, and that everyone longs to be wholly noticed and wholly embraced. It is a play about race in America, but it is also about the American theatre, about actors and acting, and about the nature of unadulterated love.

To minimize empty seats, more tickets will be issued than available seats. Reserving a ticket does not guarantee admission. Arrive early to claim your seat.

Why Flowers?

On Friday, April 1 at noon a free lecture, The Reason for Flowers: What They Have to Say to the Birds, Bees and Us, will be given by Steve Buchmann, adjunct professor of entomology, University of Arizona, Tucson.

In an illustrated talk, Buchmann describes the world’s flowers as living billboards that signal to insects, birds, bats and people. Listen as he describes the history, culture and biology related to these flowers, and how they change our lives. Find out about floral perfumes, edible flowers, why flowers make people smile, flowers in art and literature and much more. This talk will be held in the U.S. Botanic Gardens Conservatory Classroom. Pre-registration is required; visit usbg.gov to register.



Commentary

The House Too Many Of Us Live In

by Jim Link

Is the U.S. really the world’s largest jailer? Is it true that since 1973 our nation’s prison population has increased by over 700 percent? How can this be in the land of the free and the home of the brave, the land until recently still considered blessed by a Manifest Destiny, God’s chosen New Israel?

Several cogent explanations were offered at the Reel and Meal discussion at the New Deal Café on Monday, February 22. The Peace and Justice Coalition of Prince George’s County (primarily Donna Hoffmeister, Lucy Duff, Ed Fallon) showed the award-winning documentary The House I Live In (Sundance Festival) and engaged Bob Ross of the Prince George’s County NAACP and Nazgol Ghandnoosh of the federal policy group The Sentencing Project to lead the post film discussion.

Granted, they were probably preaching to the choir of over 50 sated diners (Karim’s and Maria’s Lebanese delicacies), but their passion and deep understanding elicited at least some diversity of opinion and plenty of crackling intelligence.

High Prison Population

Three causes loom large in explaining our woeful prison conditions. First, the so-called war on drugs has been egregiously mismanaged. Second, the racial injustice of sentencing policy harms African-Americans disproportionately. And last, the construction of prisons by private companies makes the “prison-industrial complex” need inmates to make a profit.

Ross and Ghandnoosh both emphasized that the war on drugs has blundered badly by incarcerating mass numbers of people for comparatively mild offenses. More than half of all drug arrests in the U.S. are marijuana related, and 90 percent of those are charges for possession only. The “three strikes and you’re out” mandatory sentencing policy, still enforced by some states, is like killing a butterfly with a cannon. Over \$1 trillion has been spent in the last 40 years to enforce such draconian measures.

“We need to get smart on crime; we need to divert inmates out of prison into treatment,” Ghandnoosh said. “We need to recognize drug abuse as a public health problem and not frame it as a law enforcement issue,” she added.

One audience member volunteered the fact that \$2 billion has been spent to cure Alzheimer’s disease and asked “so why can’t we spend \$2 billion on treatment for inmates?” “Yes, they convolute it, when it really is simple,” Ghandnoosh responded.

Disparate Sentencing

Egregiously disparate sentencing policies harm African-Americans disproportionately, the film emphasized. “Since 1986, though crack and powder cocaine are chemically the same, there has been a 100 to 1 disparity in the sentencing of crack cocaine vs. powder cocaine offenses. This has accounted for a vast disproportion of crack users going to prison over the past 25 years. In 2010, after decades of protest from

judges and activists, this disparity was reduced to 18 to 1,” according to the stat sheet handout. A peculiar victory indeed.

Oddly, perhaps, no one asked why crack rather than powder is sold to inner city African-Americans. “African-Americans make up roughly 13 percent of the US population and 14 percent of its drug users. Yet, they represent 56 percent of those incarcerated for drug crimes,” stated the stat sheet.

The disparity in sentencing willfully targets African-Americans, just as opium users in the latter half of the 19th century, who were overwhelmingly Chinese immigrant workers, were willfully targeted.

Several photographs depicting groups of recumbent Chinese sucking on opium pipes induced wincing, while a similarly reclining, elegant white society lady sucking on her pipe merely appeared to be succumbing to the vapors.

And halfway through the 20th century, until pot flooded college campuses, marijuana was considered strictly a Latino crime.

The point is that it is not the criminal behavior per se that is targeted, but rather particular ethnic groups.

Prison Privatization

Last, both Ross and Ghandnoosh expressed righteous anger at the privatization of prisons. Private companies that build and run prisons necessarily must turn a profit. Market dynamics shouldn’t drive social justice policy. “Why should a company make a profit on a human life?” Ross asked rhetorically. “It’s like a form of human slavery. If you are profit-driven you cannot rehabilitate, educate or train inmates properly. You will be short of staff, cutting corners everywhere. Sometimes those prisons are the economic engines for small towns, especially economically depressed towns. Inmates need to be produced to keep these prisons going.”

Similarly, Ghandnoosh criticized this vicious circle. “I am very angry about the privatization of prisons. Eight percent of our inmates are in private facilities. These facilities skimp on training and rehabilitation programs because they need profit.”

Susan Barnett commented that this vicious circle tempts us to “become addicted to incarceration.”

After at least a dozen questions and comments about the achievements (or non-achievements) of Attorneys General Eric Holder and Loretta Lynch, the attitudes and vision of Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, the need for repair of our infrastructure, the debilitating cost of our wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, an ex-convict made the last comment. “I’ve spent 17 years in jail and used the training programs available to me. You can do it! It’s up to you!”

Susan Barnett said, “Well, let’s let that note of optimism end our evening here.”

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consecutive year of the awards. This record is a testament to the city council’s continued and energetic support of local schools and education. The ACE Educator Awards complement the ACE Student Awards, which will be presented to deserving Greenbelt students at the council meeting on Monday, May 23. The purpose of ACE is to serve as a link between the community and the city council, addressing educational issues and promoting high quality schools for the people of Greenbelt. ACE was formed in 1994 and its charter was revised in 2007. It works with the council, school principals and their PTAs to address educational issues and policies that affect the people of Greenbelt.

The ACE Educator Awards recognize adults who have made an exceptional contribution to the schools that Greenbelt children attend. An awardee can be a teacher, a guidance counselor, other professional staff member, support staff or building staff. Nominations are provided from each individual school.

Each Educator Award winner will receive a number of gifts and certificates to commemorate his or her success. From ACE, there was an engraved red and gold apple, the well-recognized symbol of education, as well as an ACE tee shirt. There were also certificates of recognition from the city, the county and the state.

The presentations below are worded as they were received from the schools, with minimal editing.

Greenbelt Elementary School

Angela Payne is the special education coordinator for the school and is very knowledgeable about current trends in special education. Her advice and perspective are sought throughout the Prince George’s County School System by other special education teachers due to her expertise and experience in both the instructional and legal aspects of special education.

Often Payne’s role is to educate parents and teachers about programs, processes and interventions that will help young people transition from the elementary school environment to middle school, high school, college or career. In preparing them for middle school, Payne teaches students to take the initiative, speak on their own behalf and set independent learning goals.

She often stays late in the evenings planning school-wide events like Math Night, which benefits children and families at all grade levels. She also works together with the fifth grade teams to plan field trips, promotion and class special events. All of these extra-curricular activities provide opportunities for students to learn and socialize together – building healthy and positive relationships.

She also makes it a point to stay in constant contact with all parents and keep them informed of their children’s progress. Payne has provided a wonderful link between the general education class and the special education department. She is proficient in documenting her students’ progress. Payne has the temperament, motivation and desire to succeed in any endeavor she undertakes. She has made a commitment to public education. As a result, hundreds of students have ben-

efited from her expertise and enthusiasm.

Springhill Lake Elementary School

Several words come to mind when we think about Lindsay Romaine – distinguished, extraordinary, sterling, and remarkable. Romaine joined the Springhill Lake family in the 2013-14 academic year as a kindergarten teacher. Her service to our scholars has been exceptional. At any time of the day, you will enter Romaine’s classroom and see her students eagerly at work and enjoying their learning day.

Romaine currently serves as the kindergarten grade level chair. Her leadership attributes allow for her team to exceed learning expectations. Romaine employs a variety of approaches to clarify the intended objective and standards. She helps students in analyzing what is being asked of them and devises methods to help them use their skills and talents to master learning tasks. Because of her teaching, several of her former kindergarten students have been identified this year as first grade TAG students.

Romaine also serves as one of the Soaring Eagles teachers working with intermediate students. She ensures that they are putting all efforts forward to excel academically.

Magnolia Elementary School

Leslie Tapscott-Mull has been working in education for 16 years, has been a teacher at Magnolia for the past five years and is currently reading specialist and testing coordinator. She is an exceptional teacher who soars to the top on every occasion. Her profound concern for every student inspires their choices each day and she commits to doing everything possible for the advancement of each student’s knowledge and skills.

Students from kindergarten through 6th grade are provided with the highest quality of intervention for remediation and enhancement of learning. There is superior use of technology, thereby developing learners who are in pulse with the latest trends of learning keys and menus. Tapscott-Mull’s talent in storytelling allows anyone who hears her flawless and imaginative delivery of materials to feel the coming to life of every character, setting and event in the story. In addition, with her extensive knowledge in areas of teaching and learning, she can answer just about every question with substantial explanation and examples.

Tapscott-Mull’s active involvement also includes a number of leadership roles at Magnolia. She is testing coordinator and part of the Leadership Team. She created a Reading Club that entices students to develop their love of reading and helps them embrace the lessons that go with it. Tapscott-Mull is also an active proponent of the North Bay Project for 6th grade, which allows better opportunities to reach out and communicate with parents.

Turning Point Academy

Karen Thompson is a professional school counselor. She received a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from Bowie State University and a master’s in educational counseling from the University of Phoenix. Her educational career includes 20 years of counseling and teaching both elementary school and

college level courses. Thompson arrives to work with the same lovely smile and eagerness to serve every day. Her calm and friendly demeanor is an asset to the staff and student population. Often she remains at work beyond work hours, preparing for the next day’s hectic responsibilities. She can be trusted to get the job done and done well.

Serving as the Student Government Association coordinator, she works well with student leaders, while inspiring the remaining student population to be the best they can. Her favorite mantra, “I can. I will. End of story!” is often recited while teaching afternoon classes. It has been used by many of her students to remind themselves they too can do it, only if they believe...and try.

Thompson is diligent, dedicated, determined and downright special and is truly appreciated for her outstanding service to Turning Point Academy

Dora Kennedy French Immersion School

Belle Ange Mbaya is chair of the Middle School Math Department, working with grades 6 to 8. She is also a National Board Certified teacher. Mbaya instructs everyone in math. She tutors students, provides professional development and training for staff members, and runs math workshops for parents to empower them in helping their children to do homework assignments. This has enabled her to see outstanding results from her students.

Mbaya has an excellent rapport with her students, the staff and the parents, and her classroom management skills are superior.

Greenbelt Middle School

Shirley Guerrier teaches 7th grade science at Greenbelt Middle School. She has been at the school for the last four years and during that time she has consistently shown that students are her first priority. She motivates her charges with engaging lessons and they have responded by garnering the best results in the entire school.

Her students have the highest grade point averages (GPAs), the best attendance and the fewest discipline issues. Her excellence in class led to her being assigned as a Grade Level Team Leader and under her leadership her team has inspired their students to achieve higher GPAs, better attendance and fewer discipline



ACE member Melinda Brady introduces Angela Payne from Greenbelt Elementary at the 2016 ACE educator awards.

PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

issues than any other grade level at GMS.

Guerrier also works to provide excellent enrichment for students by sponsoring the Newspaper Club.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Tetsuo Ogawa has been a valued member of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School faculty for nine years. His positive attitude and love of the Japanese language and culture are reflected in the outstanding quality of instruction that he has maintained at ERHS.

Through his enthusiasm, hard work and careful planning, ERHS has won numerous awards for the Japanese program. He has expanded the cultural exchange program to include a science, technology, engineering and math focused school exchange with a school in Japan. Students are able to collaborate on important projects facing our society. A special highlight of the program was meeting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and President Barack Obama at the White House last spring.

His innovativeness and his genuine concern for children are exemplary. Ogawa’s flexibility in working with students, teachers and the public has earned him an enviable reputation throughout the district as an excellent teacher. Ogawa demonstrates the highest level of professional commitment and competency in his work with students and colleagues. He is presently the department chairperson for the World Language program and generously shares his

valuable time with staff and students. In addition to his schedule at ERHS, Ogawa teaches at one of the local universities.

ACE Members

The members of Greenbelt’s Advisory Committee on Education were also introduced along with the school they liaise with. The members are: Susan Breon, chair of ACE and liaison to ERHS; Jon Gardner, liaison to ERHS and member in charge of the ACE Grants Program; Sudhanshu Sinha, liaison to Springhill Lake Elementary; Veronica Martin-Alston, liaison to Greenbelt Middle School; Melinda Brady, ACE member responsible for interfacing with the Prince George’s County School Board and other outside organizations; Don Rich, liaison to Magnolia Elementary; Elsie Waynes, liaison to Turning Point Academy; Kate McElhenny, new member, liaison to Greenbelt Elementary; and Janet Mirsky, treasurer of ACE and liaison to Dora Kennedy French Immersion School. Ema Smith serves as a liaison from the Youth Advisory Committee to ACE.

Bach Violin Works At National Gallery

On Sunday, March 27 at 2 p.m., the National Gallery of Art will offer a free concert by Rachel Barton Pine, performing Johann Sebastian Bach’s sonatas and partitas for solo violin. The concert will be held in the West Building, West Garden Court.

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Councilmember Turner Holds Budget Listening Session

by Lynn White

Despite substantial reductions in the budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2016, Prince George’s County has more to do to address fiscal challenges. “While the county faces some fiscal issues in the future, the County Council’s actions to address its fiscal responsibilities, taken together with modest but steady improvements in the housing market, economic development and job creation, have improved the county’s outlook,” said District 4 Councilmember Todd Turner at a listening session held on March 3 in Greenbelt’s Municipal Building.

The county saw some increased revenue from income taxes and property assessments, but this will not be enough to keep up with increased expenditures in the coming years. According to a March report from the County Council’s Blue Ribbon Commission on Addressing the Structural Deficit, the “county will have an annual budget shortfall between \$65 million and \$250 million beginning in Fiscal Year 2017 to Fiscal Year 2022.” FY17 begins July 1, 2016.

The listening session, billed as a discussion of the Prince George’s County FY17 proposed budget, had about 10 people in attendance, including Mayor Emmett Jordan, several members of the Greenbelt City Council and State Delegate Alonzo Washington.

There are a number of factors contributing to the projected shortfalls. Prince George’s County’s per capita revenue from income taxes is \$584. Neighboring Montgomery County’s per capita revenue is over twice that at \$1,391. Prince George’s County also spends a significant portion of its revenue on personnel, even though it has one of the smallest county workforces in the area. Sixty-two percent of the budget goes to public education and state maintenance-of-effort require-



Todd Turner

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ments, making it difficult to decrease spending. These factors, coupled with the fact that county law restricts the ability to raise revenue, make it unclear how the county will be able to make improvements to its fiscal health in the coming years.

Delegate Washington provided a brief update on developments at the state legislature. Governor Larry Hogan issued a supplemental budget that included \$250,000 for the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot Program, a program created by Delegate Washington. In thanking Governor Hogan, Delegate Washington stated “the nonprofits that this program will serve are grassroots organizations that actively go into communities and provide one-on-one guidance to low-income and first generation college students.” He added that as “a beneficiary of a similar nonprofit, I can personally attest to the life-changing opportunities they provide, and I am pleased the Governor has supported my initiative that will provide similar opportunities to low-income students across Maryland.”

Although not the stated purpose of the listening session, the proposed relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters loomed large. In Councilmember Turner’s opening remarks he noted County Executive Rushern Baker’s commitment to bringing the FBI headquarters to Prince George’s County. He emphasized that he would like to see the FBI come to Greenbelt and thinks the move would benefit the local economy. A few residents expressed concern that moving the FBI headquarters to Greenbelt would not bring the economic boon that officials are hoping for.

Lynn White is a councilmember for the Town of Berwyn Heights and board member of the Greenbelt Farmers Market.



PHOTO BY STEVE BUCA

Spring Blooms on Hanover Parkway

Green Ridge House Opens Waiting List

Green Ridge House, the City of Greenbelt’s HUD Section 8-202 apartment building, will open its waiting list from April 4 thru 8, 2016 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Green Ridge House is an independent living apartment building located at 22 Ridge Road. All applicants must apply in person and be 62 years of age or older or be a disabled adult. All applicants must have with them a valid Maryland State ID or Drivers License and their Social Security card. All applicants will have a credit and criminal background check performed to determine eligibility. Applicants should be prepared to move within 30 days once they receive a call that a unit is available. Rent is based upon 30 percent of one’s income within a maximum gross income of \$38,250 for individuals and \$43,700 for couples. All apartments are one bedroom units. Only applicants who would consider moving within the next 6 months to one year should apply. Green Ridge House is a Non-Smoking Building.

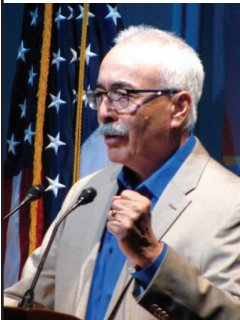


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RIDDLE IN THE MIDDLE

What kind of stone is never found in the ocean?

Joke of the Week

What did the zero say to the number eight? Nice belt!

Riddle in the middle answer:
A stone that is dry

This Week's Activity: Word Scramble
Unscramble the letters to find the Dinosaur words from the list below.

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nhkaa	
gge	
oneb	
httee	
niimm	
bgi	

Word List

big khaan
bone minmi
dino teeth
egg

University, Community Bands Play at UMD

The University and Community Band will give a free concert on Wednesday, March 30 at 8 p.m. in Dekelboum Concert Hall of The Clarice. The band will share an evening of traditional and contemporary wind band music. The program includes Holsinger's Riding with the Frontier Battalion, Reed's A Symphonic Prelude based on "Black is the Color of My True Love's Hair," Holst's Second Suite in F for Military Band, Prokofiev's Athletic Festival March, Carter's Symphonic Overture, Ticheli's Amazing Grace, Persichetti's Pageant, and Rimsky-Korsakov's Dance of the Tumblers.

Experimental Music at UMD

The Experimental Music Performance Organization (TEMPO) will give a concert on Tuesday, March 29 at 8 p.m. in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of The Clarice. Established and run by graduate students at the UMD School of Music, the group premieres new music happening beyond the walls of the University of Maryland. This concert is free.



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Brick Townhome - 3 Bedroom GHI unit with new carpet and flooring on main level. Dining room converted into office space with lots of shelving.

Your Greenbelt Specialists In Roosevelt Center

DEBATE continued from page 1

station and politicians and clubs from all over Maryland were in attendance.

“We are really proud to host this debate,” said Mayor Emmett Jordan, who pointed out Greenbelt’s tradition of cooperation. “Everyone has a voice,” he said.

Future events could be in the offing for Greenbelt. The Roosevelt Club meets once a month

and frequently hosts speakers to discuss various political issues with their members. Williams said that next month members of the District 22 delegation, which includes Greenbelt, will discuss the current legislative session in Annapolis. Anyone interested in more information can visit the club’s website at roosevelclub.nationbuilder.com.



Congresswoman D. Edwards



Congressman C. Van Hollen

Photos by Peggy Higgins

Volunteers Protect Trees From Beavers and Ivy

by Erin Josephitis

On March 12, a group of 12 volunteers and two Public Works employees participated in a tree protection event at Greenbelt Lake in Buddy Attick Park. The service-learning opportunity brought a family and individuals together to protect a total of 27 trees from beaver herbivory or invasive English ivy takeover.

North American beavers are second only to humans in their ability to manipulate their environment. The beaver family at Greenbelt Lake is downing trees at a rate much faster than they regrow. Beavers are a keystone species by maintaining habitats that are relied on by many others. For example, beavers create standing dead wood that is inhabited by insects, and in turn attracts bird life. The City of Greenbelt coexists with beavers by protecting slow-growth native tree species and leaving non-native trees uncaged as a food source and building material for their lodges.

English ivy is native to Europe and was introduced into North America by early settlers for ornamental purposes. It grows both along the ground, where it can displace native understory species, and in the tree canopy, often covering branches and harming trees. Volunteers play a key role in forest restoration by liberating trees from climbing ivy.

Eight trees were protected from beavers by placing wire caging around the trunks. Nine

additional trunks were re-caged to make available space for tree growth and expansion. About 10 trees were liberated from English ivy using hand shears. Volunteers reflected that their favorite part of the event was working together as a team to protect trees. Over the past year, volunteers have protected over 200 trees from beaver herbivory and 150 trees from English ivy takeover in Buddy Attick Park.

In addition to protecting trees, volunteers collected a bag of litter that was later sorted to separate recyclables from trash. Among the most common items collected were aluminum cans, plastic bottles and tennis balls. Over the past year, volunteers collected over 1,200 pounds of litter along shorelines at Greenbelt Lake and Indian Creek.

The event was sponsored by the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works and the Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project.

The next restoration tree planting volunteer event will take place in honor of Arbor Day on Saturday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to noon at Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway. Following the tree planting the Advisory Committee on Trees will lead its annual free tour of Greenbelt’s most outstanding trees.

Space is limited so RSVP at signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-arbor1. Contact Brian Townsend at btownsend@greenbeltmd.gov for more information.



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Volunteers at the Tree Preservation Event are shown with the litter they collected and the ivy they pulled at Buddy Attick Park.

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